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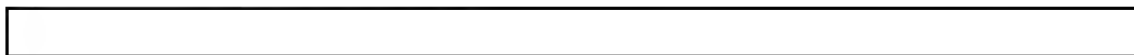
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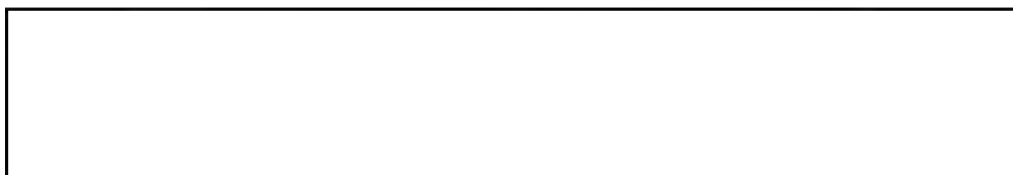
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North Vietnam: There has been a substantial build-up of North Vietnam's antiaircraft artillery capability during the past year, particularly since the Tonkin Gulf incidents last August.

North Vietnam now has about 1,000 antiaircraft weapons of all types, most of which are 57-mm. and 85-mm. pieces. It also has many lighter weapons, but no heavy antiaircraft weapons--100-mm. or larger--have yet been confirmed.

Several new AAA sites have been noted recently under construction in the Hanoi area. A further increase in the number of antiaircraft artillery pieces in North Vietnam is likely, and heavier weapons with greater ranges will probably be introduced.

Although some AAA sites in the early stages of construction resemble surface-to-air missiles (SAM) sites, no SAM sites have yet been identified in North Vietnam.

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NOTES

Israel-Syria: Sporadic exchanges of fire continue along the Israeli-Syrian border. Recent incidents in large part grow out of Israel's efforts to strengthen security immediately north of Lake Tiberias by developing and populating the area. Because it is close to the pumping station for Israel's much-disputed Jordan River diversion project, this area is a particularly sensitive one for both sides. [REDACTED]

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USSR: Pravda has published an article by the chief of Soviet civil defense, Marshal Chuykov, stating that civil defense units have been set up "at all enterprises and industrial centers in cities and rural areas to prepare the population for defense" against nuclear attack. Chuykov's statement probably refers to the progress which has been made since 1962 when a program was initiated to establish such units. Pravda's publication of the announcement indicates the continuing importance the regime attaches to the civil defense program. [REDACTED]

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